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Saluting the Salvation Army for 100 years of service



Ten year old Tesya Atwood was visiting from Bermuda. It was her first time seeing and feeling snow.



And the band played on...



The procession ended at the Salvation Army where lunch was served.



Lieutenant Mary Maybury (centre) joined her former chorus from Bermuda, Jabulani, to perform songs at the 100th Anniversary celebration.



Lieutenants Dennis and Mary Maybury extend appreciation to Mayor Roy Avis for the support from the Town of Fort Frances.



Demara Maybury performed a liturgical dance with the WECC Bermuda Brass Band.

By: Teresa Hazel

It was a festive affair on Friday afternoon when the WECC Brass Band from Bermuda along with members of the Salvation Army marched down Scott Street to kick off the celebration of their 100th Anniversary of service to the community of Fort Frances.

The 17-member brass band travelled to Canada to share in the weekend of festivities. They brought their gift of music to performances at Rainycrest Long Term Care, the Fort Frances High School and a community event at the New Beginnings Fellowship Church. They also participated in Sunday services at the Salvation Army.

For ten year old Tesya Atwood it was her first time ever seeing or feeling snow.

"It's fun to play with", she enthused, "and to throw around at people".

Divisional leaders, Majors Wayne and Debra Bungay also came to Fort Frances from Winnipeg to celebrate this significant milestone.

"The Salvation Army was launched in 1886 in London, England", noted Major Bungay. "It is now in 126 countries around the World.

We support ministries for homelessness, addictions, long

term care, children, youth and family", he explained. "We also support homes for unwed mothers", added his wife and fellow Major.

The Salvation Army in Fort Frances has a small church congregation and they run the Thrift Shop. They also operate a food bank and have a counselling centre.

The WECC Bermuda Band is made up of Salvation Army members from the hometown of current Lieutenants Dennis and Mary Maybury.

On Saturday, the band played for a full house at the New Beginnings Fellowship Church where Lieutenant Dennis Maybury emceed the program and Major Wayne Bungay was the guest speaker.

"Anniversaries always call for a backward glance", said Lieutenant Maybury. "The Fort Frances corps has much to look back on.

In 1914, two conflicts started", explained Maybury. "World War 1 began and so did the battle of the Salvation Army against sin in Fort Frances.

The first meeting was held in the old Orange Hall on Church Street and the Salvation Army has endured to assume its place in the history of the Town", reflected Maybury.

Twenty years after the great

depression, the Salvation Army experienced a financial depression of its own and closed for one year. In 1941, the Salvation Army re-opened and completely renovated the building. In October 1941, a dedication and reopening was held.

"A new era had commenced for the Corps", stated Maybury.

Since that time, the Salvation Army has remained a constant source of support for the community of Fort Frances.

"The best years are still ahead of us", announced Maybury before the band played their rendition of 'When the Saints Go Marching In'.

Lieutenant Mary Maybury joined her former singing group, Jabulani, whose musical performance had the crowd clapping and singing along to the upbeat and inspiring songs of worship and praise.

One of the singers explained that their name, Jabulani, comes from an African Zulu tribe and it means, rejoice. She went on to explain that in South Africa, young people shared their vision for the future of the Salvation Army in that country. "God is at their centre", she said.

Lieutenant Mary Maybury was their featured soloist in a song, entitled "Centre of My

Joy".

Lieutenant Dennis Maybury then welcomed Major Wayne Bungay as the guest speaker but not before acknowledging how pleased his wife was to be singing with her former band.

"She better not get on the bus with them tomorrow", joked the Lieutenant.

Major Wayne Bungay extended appreciation to the band for helping out with the celebration. He also thanked the guests in attendance and Lieutenants Dennis and Mary Maybury for organizing the celebration.

Bungay and his wife Debra are the Prairie Division leaders of The Salvation Army. They oversee the area that includes Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

"We have twenty six churches. Fort Frances always shows up strong on the radar", he announced.

"Thank you to Fort Frances for your support. It's been one hundred years and you've been there".

Bungay went on to share his hope for the future in times of struggle, relying on the Gospel, which the Salvation Army was founded upon, referencing Jeremiah.

"The World is in turmoil. There are abuses, unemploy-

ment. The gap between having lots and poverty is widening and the problem of human trafficking is happening here in Canada.

Peace and prosperity must be a collaborative effort in Fort Frances", noted Bungay, adding that the community must adopt an attitude of, "This is our turf where we want to work and be well and be safe to raise our children.

"Tear down the walls between organizations and religions. We're in this together friends", added Bungay noting that Salvation Army members wear uniforms and point to the sky to demonstrate that everything, all of their being is given to God.

"We salute God", he said.

Bungay concluded his talk with a prayer for peace and prosperity in Fort Frances.

Major Wayne and Debra Bungay and Lieutenants Dennis and Mary Maybury then handed out certificates of appreciation to volunteers who have made significant contributions to the efforts of the Salvation Army. Volunteers were recognized for working at the Thrift Shop, participating in the Kettle Program, Hamper Registration, maintenance and plumbing services, organizing events and news coverage. Recipients on hand were Angie Fraser, Audrey Thomson, Kurt Summer, John Markus, Joe Galbraith and Marlene De-

schamps.

A guest performance by soloist, Reagan Kaemingh was next on the program.

"God calls us to do things we cannot do in and of ourselves", noted the singer and guitar player. "He pushes us to different levels", she added before playing her song.

During the band's next selection, Demara Maybury performed a liturgical dance.

To conclude the program, Lieutenant Dennis Maybury thanked Mayor Roy Avis and the Town of Fort Frances for their financial contribution in support of the Salvation Army's centennial celebration. He acknowledged the tough times Fort Frances is facing with the idling of the mill and Lieutenant Mary Maybury offered a prayer for Fort Frances to persevere during this time.

Thank you and congratulations to the Fort Frances Salvation Army on the occasion of your 100th Anniversary. Your continued commitment to "Giving Hope Today" is demonstrated in your various ministries in Fort Frances, in Canada and around the World.

For more information about The Salvation Army, go to www.salvationarmy.ca . To learn more about the help that is available in Fort Frances and/or ways to get involved call 807.274.3871.

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Photographers' showcase



A little hint of what's coming soon, Dew on a Petal!

Photo by Emily Fraser, Pinewood

It's our 22nd Anniversary!!

We have enjoyed every one of the last 22 years producing this paper. This last one was a year of change for us as we said goodbye to Marlene and welcomed Teresa. The one thing we at The Westend Weekly try to keep consistent is a positive outlook. We try to feature those people who make a difference in our district, people who look to the future with enthusiasm. And, we try to keep light hearted, have interesting things to read, to see, and to think about.

Each year at this time we have asked those who can afford it and appreciate what we do to send in a "Volunteer Subscription" amount of \$25.00 more or less. As we don't charge for the paper and we don't charge for personal classified ads, we really appreciate your support. We try to sponsor and donate to as many district events and fund raisers as we can so whatever you send is well spent.

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Moos by Kim Jo Bliss

Well the weather seems to be coming around and the sun shining down sure does make people feel a lot better. We are limited on what we can do with the depth of snow and huge snow banks but sunny days will change this quickly as well.

Unfortunately the sun brought me some bad luck. One of my youngest calves was stretching out lying in the sun and was laid on by a cow and died. I was so upset. Just so happened that Marlee was having a sleep over. I told her that I thought I should sell the whole works of them. She offered me \$55 for all of them - times like this it almost seems like enough. Honestly I just haven't had the best year to date and it really takes the wind out of your sail. Being busy and tired only adds to your frustration. I am waiting for my last calf to arrive - and it is looking like the cow must have been bred the day we pulled the bulls!

We successfully moved all the ewes into the barn with little trouble. We have slowly learned a few things about handling sheep. A pail of grain goes a lot further than herding them like cattle. They will find it pretty warm in the barn since they are still wearing their winter jackets. I am hoping that I will be able to check them just using the barn camera instead of travelling around all night

like I do with the cows.

I officially opened the Research Station on Thursday last week. I had 2 jampacked days and it was nice that people were glad to see me back at the Station. It's not looking like we will be planting for a few days but we have plenty of trials to organize and seed to be found! So far I haven't found too many mice so is it possible the winter was hard on them as well?

It's a busy week of activities in the West End of our District! On Wednesday April 9th from 10 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.; Windy Ridge Farms (Carl Martin Family) are hosting the "Open Barn" day. They built a new Dairy Barn with parlour. This means the cows come into a station to be milked. If you are at all interested in seeing how this process works or checking out a new barn please feel free to stop in. This is a wonderful family and they are very pleased and proud of their cows and their new facility.

The evening of April 9th the Rainy River Stewardship Committee is hosting an Information Night for land owners on the Pine River. We have designated that water-shed as an area that we would like to do some potential projects. I have called everyone that we would potentially be willing to partner with. This does not mean that we are able to partner with everyone - but we would like to get a chance to share our

thoughts and hear the land owners thoughts. Summer begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Stratton Millennium Hall. We hope to have a good open visit and move forward with at least a few projects.

If you are able and willing - please come to the Stratton Sales Barn on Saturday April 12th for our first Work-Bee of the season. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and work till mid-afternoon. We have decided that we wouldn't break until we were finished since we normally eat too much and then don't feel like working! We promise a great snack at the end of the day. We were told to come and bring 3 friends - so I am hoping at least 3 people will come from reading this. If you have any questions please get in touch with James Gibson 487-2731 or Susan Irvine 487-2585.

I often hear from people near and far on how much they enjoy reading my Moos. I had a nice call from a gentleman in Manitoba when he read about my calves being sick. He offered me a suggestion on what I might do to avoid this. I thought that was very kind. Thanks for reading and I will try to keep entertaining everyone with the everyday life of farming and working in Agriculture. And of course Maddie and Marlee.

Happy Birthday to my dad and my brother!

Mini We Day a must go to

Lake of the Woods and Rainy River High Schools are pleased to announce their Mini We Day is taking place Friday, April 11th at LOW School in Baudette. This high energy, informative day consists of workshops and inspiring speakers/performers on the theme of Follow Your Dreams. Shane Feldman, founder and executive director of the youth volunteering group Count Me In, is the keynote

speaker. R & B singer FLO, who is a Canadian Music Award winner, will be performing with her band. RRHS Alumnus Phil McGreevy will be speaking about how he worked his way from Restaurant and Hotel Management to working in the front office of the Winnipeg Jets. Big Grassy community member, Deb Whetzel, will be delivering a workshop about healing the broken heart. Daniel and Kim-

berly Craig make up the Street Circus. These two talented performers, who went to the Cirque du Soleil School, will be doing acrobatic and juggling feats as well as using their unique humour to entertain the audience. These are just a few of the many speakers/performers who will be sharing Free the Children's message of reaching out and turning from a Me generation to a We generation

RRDSB recognizes International Day of Pink

The Rainy River District School Board is committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment for all of its students. The School Board recognizes that the International Day of Pink - April 9, 2014 - highlights an issue of critical importance, and as such, schools throughout the District will celebrate the Day of Pink with the launch of an online bullying incident report for students to use if they are experiencing or witnessing bullying at school.

Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink, and will be engaged in various activities on April 9, 2014 to learn more about bullying and its effect on student learning and well-being. A number of Rainy River District School Board initiatives, programs and strategies are in place to create a learning environment where everyone feels welcome and respected. The Board's Character Education curriculum helps students to understand, to care about, and to act upon core ethical values. Student mentorship and mediation programs build leadership and conflict management skills. Me to We activities and events inspire and empower students to make their schools and communities a better place by starting a positive chain reaction. In partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police, schools throughout the Board have implemented the commonsense.org curriculum to promote digital citizenship and helps children recognize and prevent online risks.

In 2013, the Rainy River District School Board was one of two school boards in Ontario that piloted the Respect in School online bullying and harassment prevention training for staff, with

the pilot continuing throughout the 2013-14 school year. Diversity and inclusiveness training, such as Egale has been received by many of the School Board's staff members and high school students to remove discrimination and stigma and to provide support so that all persons can achieve their full potential. Plans are underway and teaching staff and secondary level students from across the region are invited to the Celebration of Inclusive Schools, a symposium on LGBTQ-Straight Alliance school based programs, sponsored by the Rainy River District School Board.

According to statistics, most students in Canada have been

bullied at one time in their lives. In some cases, bullying is an ongoing issue that can seriously affect the lives of both those being bullied and the bully. Despite best efforts, incidents of bullying do occur and to assist schools in responding to such incidents, the Rainy River District School Board's Code of Conduct sets out clear standards of behavior for everyone involved in the school system. The School Board has also trained staff members from across the District on restorative practices, holding students accountable for their actions, while promoting understanding and restoring the relationship between the victim and the offender.

Borderland Rage competes in Minneapolis



The Borderland Rage Pee Wee boys team had an exciting weekend down in Minneapolis competing in the opening tournament of the Northern Hockey Group. The tournament was held at the Schwan Super Rink which boasts being home to the US Women's hockey team.

The Borderland Rage consists of players from all over Northwestern Ontario and Northern Minnesota including 3 local boys, Jake Barker, Chase Curtis, and Brett Allan. The Rage were able to capture the bronze after a 3-1 victory over the Ice Bucks of southeastern Minnesota and northern Iowa. Coach John Fraser would still like to add a couple more talented skaters to the current roster and can be contacted by email at john.fraser@shaw.ca.

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Legion Chat

by Walter Wagner, Major Hughes Br. 54 president

It looks like Spring has finally arrived! You can tell by all the activity around the club room. The Ladies Auxiliary has finished cleaning the kitchen and pantry. Thanks to Evelyn, Rose, Ron and Brent. The pool table has new cloth and bumpers and has been improved. Good work Ron and

Brent.

There will be an executive meeting on April 10th @ 7:00 pm.

Tickets for the \$1 000.00 Dance are moving fast -over half are sold. The Dance is on April 26th.

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Students and Science highlighted at Regional Science Fair



Kolten Gagne, a grade five student at Ear Falls Public School explains his experiment about wind energy. He utilized a motor from his remote control car to build his wind energy model and acknowledged the help of his uncle, "It was really fun. He was the one who got me interested". His project earned a third place finish in the Innovation category.



Grade four student from Robert Moore School, Madison Rheault displays her project, Does Temperature Affect Magnetism? "It does", she said. "Magnetic force is weakest in the heat and strongest in the cold". Her project picked up an Honourable Mention in the Experiment/Study category.



Grade six student from Ear Falls Public School, Brianna Thompson with her project, The Amazing Borax, which looked at the many uses of the chemical ingredient borax that is found in laundry soap.



Organizer, Jody Bonner-Vickers (pictured left) and Jennifer Leishman awarded Best in Fair medals to Hanna LeDrew (Gold), Graham Anderson (Silver); and Erin Green (Bronze). Byron Stewart is missing from the picture.



Rowan Donaldson checked out the "Seeing is Believing" project that tested how clean are your hands? He was at the science fair with his mom, Director of Education, Heather Campbell.



Heather Campbell awarded Best in Fair medals in the Junior Division to Hayden Geary (Gold), Kathryn Fischer/Zakary Kellar (Silver), and Corbin Riches (Bronze).



Hanna LeDrew earned the Best in Fair Gold Medal for her project, Catch of the Day, which tested the question; can I build a fishing rod that can weigh a fish before it's out of the water? The answer was, "Yes and it was accurate". Hanna is a grade eight student at J.W. Walker School.



Erin Green picked up first place in the Experiment/Study category for her project, Tupperware Test, which concluded that Tupperware keeps food the freshest and Glad products were second. She is a grade seven student at Red Lake Madsen Public School.

By: Teresa Hazel
The Sunset Country Regional Science Fair, "Science Rocks" was held on Saturday at J.W. Walker School in Fort Frances. Twenty-five students from four schools including, Robert Moore, J.W. Walker, Ear Falls and Red Lake participated in the fair with their projects testing various hypotheses.

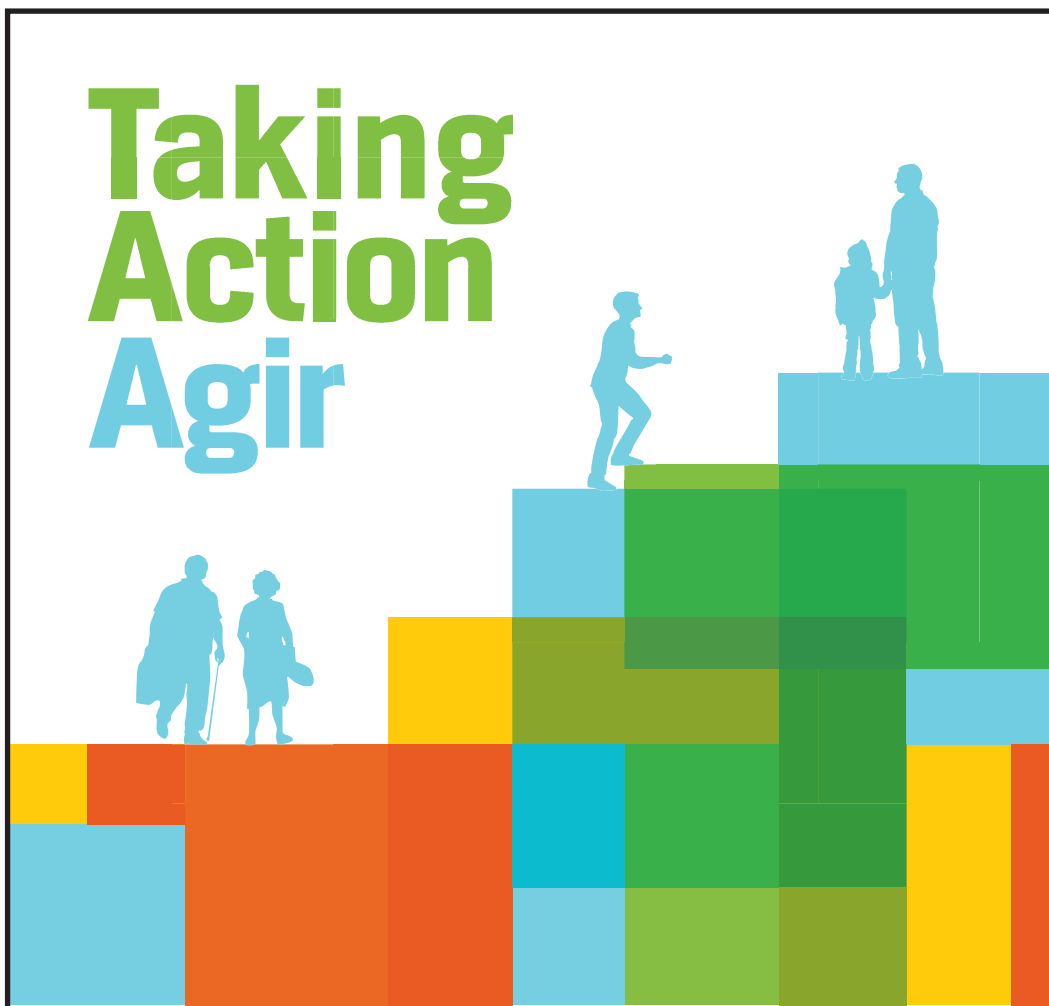
Mrs. Jody Bonner-Vickers organized this year's event. She acknowledged the judges for their time and effort and noted that they were tasked with a very difficult job this year. She also acknowledged the Rainy River District School Board for their full support of the Regional Science Fair every year.

Director of Education, Heather Campbell was on hand to present the awards to the Junior Division winners. Top three finishers in the Experiment/Study category were first place, Kathryn Fischer and Zakary Kellar for Handwashing 101; second, Corbin Riches for Investigating Influenza; and third, Hallee Nugent for To Burn or Not to Burn. An honourable mention was given to Madison Rheault for her project, Does Temperature Affect Magnetism.

In the Innovation category, first place went to Hayden Geary for Solar Heaters; second place to Simone Payne and Cassidy Roach for Halt! No More Salt!; and third place to Kolten Gagne for Energizing Wind. The Best in Fair medals in the Junior Division were given out as follows: Gold to Hayden Geary for Solar Heaters; Silver to Kathryn Fischer and Zakary Kellar for Handwashing 101; and Bronze to Corbin Riches for Investigating Influenza. Jen Leishman was then called on to present prizes and awards to the winners in the Intermediate Division. In the Experiment/Study category, first place was awarded to Erin Green for Tupperware Test; second place to Maria Gilbert for Getting a 'Grater' Clean; and third place to Seanna Geary for Seeing is Believing. Honourable mention was given to Jasper Crow for Electrical Current Flow. Hanna LeDrew won the top prize in the Innovation category for her project, Catch of the Day; second place went to Byron Stewart and Graham Anderson for A Smarter Case; and third place was Alexander Laevens for Uncanny Convection.

Best in Fair medals were awarded as follows: Gold to Hanna LeDrew for Catch of the Day; Silver to Byron Stewart and Graham Anderson for A Smarter Case and Bronze to Erin Green for Uncanny Convection.

The gold and silver medal winners in the Intermediate Division can now go on to the National Science Fair that is taking place in Windsor, Ontario this year in May. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Sunset Country Regional Science Fair. Kudos to the organizers, judges and parents who inspire students to learn about and explore science. Good luck to those who will be going on to compete at the Nationals!



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